THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The total amount of borrowing from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (including Non-Government loans) as on 30th September, 1993 are US$ 37.397 billion and US$ 5078.19 million respectively.

(b) The interest and service charges paid during 1992-93 for the World Bank and IMF were US$ 670.473 million and US $ 264.91 million respectively. The amounts due in respect of World Bank and IMF for 1993-94 are US$ 682.515 million and US$ 265.67 million respectively.

Smuggling of Drugs

1430. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is becoming a conduit for drug traffic; if so, the details in this regard;

(b) the value of narcotics seized during 1992 and in 1993 till date;

(c) whether Government have found any evidence that agencies of neighbouring countries are actively conniving in the smuggling of narcotics and the details in this regard;

(d) the number of Indian and foreign national separately apprehended in 1992 and in 1993 till date in drug smuggling and related offences; and

(e) what effective steps have been taken to curb menace and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No Sir.

(b) No precise valuation of the narcotic drugs, which are often of indeterminate strength and composition and are liable for destruction, is feasible. However, the quantity of narcotic drugs seized during 1992 and 1993 (upto October) is given below:—

(Quantity in Kgs.)

Drug Seized	1992	upto 1993 (October)
Opium	1918	2409
Morphine	35	27+110 Amps.
Heroin	1153	995
Ganja	64341	84064
Hashish	6621	7270
Cocaine	0.420	2
Methaqualone	7475	10295+2434 Tabs.
Phenobarbital	118020 Tabs.	Nil
LSD	50 Sq. Papers	164 Sq. Papers
Acetic Anhydride	Nil	18926 Ltrs

(c) There is no definite infirmation that drug offenders are actively assisted by foreign agencies across the border. However, arrangements for gethering of intelligence and exchange of intelligence between the different agencies have been streamlined.

(d) The number of Indian and foreign national arrested in 1992 and in 1993 (upto October) are given below :—

	1992	upto 1993 (Oct.)
Indian persons arrested . . .	12734	9870
Foreign nationals arrested . . .	116	129

(e) Training is being imparted to the enforcement officers of various agencies to improve their effectiveness. A part of the Indo-Pakistan border has been fenced. The strength of enforcement agencies in the border areas has been enhanced. Equipment has also been supplied to some enforcement agencies to improve their mobility and communication facilities in the border areas.

हवाला गिरोह

1431. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :
श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर :
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दुबई में फल-फूल रहे हवाला गिरोह के हमारे देश के विभिन्न भागों विशेष रूप से दिल्ली, मुम्बई तथा कलकत्ता में संबंध होने की जानकारी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो हवाला गिरोह का पता लगाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या प्रयास किए गए हैं और उनके क्या परिणाम प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में अन्य ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) से (ग) हवाला गिरोह को रोकने के लिए सरकार ने समान विनिमय दर की शुरुआत, कोफेपोसा के अधीन विदेशी मुद्रा के गिरोह की नजरबन्दी, वि०मु०वि०अ० (फेरा) के अधीन उचित कार्रवाई जैसे अनेक कदम उठाए हैं। हवाले के मामले में प्रीमियम में कमी के संकेत हैं।

Smuggling of Arms and Ammunition

1432. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Govrenment's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Observer', New Delhi of 3rd September, 1993 under the caption patrolling along Kerala, TN coast intensified to stop ship with arms ;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard ; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Customs and Central Excise Agencies to check the smuggling arms and ammunition into the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Government is aware of the News Report.

(b) Intelligence was received on the possibility of a ship attempting to land a consignment of explosives on the Southern Costline. However surveillance and patrolling did not reveal anything.

(c) Customs & Central Excise formations concerned with anti-smuggling remain